REMARKS

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Claims 1-51 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 9, 13, 18, 23, 25-28, 33, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41-43, 46-49, and 51 are amended, as shown below. A complete listing of the claims in this case, with their status, is shown below.

Amendments to the Specification are made to insert the Abstract as a separate page, and to insert the Sequence Listing. Support for the abstract is found in the abstract of the PCT application as filed.

No new matter has been added.

Certification Regarding Sequence Listing

I hereby certify that the enclosed Sequence Listing is being submitted under 37 CFR §§ 1.821(c) and (e) in paper and computer readable form (Compact Disk labeled 'CRF').

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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to antibodies which bind to C5aR and which are useful in diagnostic and therapeutic methods. The antibodies of the present invention are reactive with an extracellular loop of C5aR other than the N-terminal domain and are capable of substantially reducing or inhibiting the binding of C5a to C5aR and functional consequences of neutrophil chemoattractant receptor activation.